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### **ULAB AND U.S. EMBASSY CELEBRATE NEW EMK CENTER PARTNERSHIP**

**DHAKA, BANGLADESH, MAY 1, 2018** –U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh, Marcia Bernicat, and ULAB Vice Chancellor Professor H. M. Jahirul Haque signed a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly manage the Edward M. Kennedy Center for Public Service and the Arts (EMK Center). Under this public-private partnership, the EMK Center will serve as a non-partisan, non-political platform that encourages educational exchange and promotes Bangladeshi and American culture, entrepreneurship, human rights, and democracy.

“Together we are accelerating collaboration between Bangladeshis and Americans. We want to ensure that the EMK Center is a space where we can explore our commonalities and differences. Most importantly, we like to promote the spirit of sharing our cultures, ideas, and opportunities. I believe this makes Bangladesh, the United States, and the world a better, more caring and richer place to live,” said Ambassador Bernicat.

ULAB Vice Chancellor Professor Haque said: “We are very delighted to sign this MOU with the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy. He added, “Our partnership is for the enlightenment of the young people in our society.”

Located in the downtown area of Dhanmondi, the EMK Center hosts interesting workshops, exhibitions, and cultural programs related to the United States. The Center also hosts EducationUSA workshops and advising sessions to assist students interested in applying to U.S. colleges and universities. The EMK Center’s Maker Lab is a state-of-the art technological laboratory featuring Bangladesh’s largest 3D printer and a high-tech audio/visual recording studio. The EMK Small Grants program supports youth projects, education, community development and entrepreneurial activities in Bangladesh. For more information on membership and services at the EMK Center, please check out [www.EMKCenter.org](http://www.EMKCenter.org).

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